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Dear Alex:

I am going to impose on you to take a quick look at some of the very practically oriented research that Ernst Friedheim has been doing in tropical medicine: specifically a one dose prophylactic/therapeutic answer to the threats of sleeping sickness and filariasis in Africa.

Friedheim is one of the great pioneers -- following almost directly on Paul Ehrlich! -- in the practical development of these chemotherapeutic approaches. He has made many important advances in the past and this current proposal may be one of comparable importance. It has a great deal to do with the engineering of release rates of the drug. So I thought that your company's technical expertise, coupled with your own compassion for the victims of these parasites, could help bring about the most efficacious reduction to practice.

I will be in Palo Alto during the month of August and hope that I may find you in town during at least part of that time so that we might renew our old acquaintanceship and perhaps discuss this and other specific proposals.

I trust you do understand that this preliminary work is offered for your personal consideration in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg